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IN THE MINES

Operations in Cochise County, Sonora and Throughout the Territory

MINE DIVIDENDS.

Aggregate of \$114,566,462 Paid in Eleven Months.

COPPER LEADS THEM ALL.

Only Two Hundred Companies Reported.—Were the Dividends Paid by Private Enterprises Added the Total Would be Prodigious.

The total dividends disbursed by the various companies identified with the mineral industry of the United States in the eleven months ending November 30, as far as reported in the engineering and mining journal, amounted to \$114,566,462 paid by 200 companies. Of the total, the gold, silver, copper, lead, zinc and quicksilver mines contributed \$48,150,942, or 42.5 per cent, while the remaining \$65,816,540, or 57.5 per cent was paid by the petroleum, coal and coke, iron and steel and other companies.

From the dividends paid by private corporations, which are not reported, it would appear that the returns received by capital invested in the mineral industry exceed those of any other industry in this country.

Copper mines paid \$30,439,529 or 62.4 per cent of the total mining dividends. The Amalgamated Copper Co. paid out \$6,000,000, or 8 per cent on its capital. This was derived from dividends of the companies controlled by it, including the Boston and Montana, which paid \$6,450,000, or 172 per cent per annum on its share capital; Anaconda, \$4,800,000, or 16 per cent per annum, and Parrot, \$1,379,100, or 60 per cent. The Culmet and Hecla in Michigan paid \$5,000,000 or 200 per cent per annum of its capital stock. The Quincy, also of Michigan, paid \$900,000, or 36 per cent on its capital stock of \$2,500,000.

Gold and silver mines are credited with paying \$14,292,200, or 29.3 per cent of the total. Stratton's Independence, limited, of Cripple Creek, paid \$1,787,837, or 10 per cent per annum on its capital, while Portland, in the same district paid \$750,000, or 25 per cent per annum. Homestake, of South Dakota paid \$1,155,600, or 6 per cent per annum, and Silver King, of Utah, \$825,000, or 30 per cent per annum. Lead and zinc mines paid \$772,997, or 7.8 per cent of the total mining dividends. Florida quicksilver mines paid \$100,000.

The American Smelting and Refining Co. paid \$2,113,803, or at the rate of 7 per cent on its preferred stock, the National Lead Co., \$782,640, or 7 per cent on the preferred stock and \$149,054, or 1 per cent on the common stock.

Petroleum companies paid \$37,707,947 or 32.9 per cent of the total dividends. Of this amount the Standard Oil Co. paid \$37,050,000, or 48 per cent per annum on its outstanding capital stock. The remaining \$654,947 was paid by independent California and West Virginia companies.

Under iron and steel only those concerns are noted that are producing their own raw material. These paid \$20,110,623, 17.6 per cent of the total. The largest payer was the Federal Steel Co., with \$5,059,794, or 6 per cent per annum on the preferred stock, and \$1,743,162, or 3.3 per cent on the common.

American Steel and Wire is next with \$2,890,000 on the preferred and \$2,655,000 on the common; both at the rate of 8 per cent per annum. Republic Iron and Steel paid \$4,421,483, or 7 per cent on the preferred stock, and National steel, \$1,417,500, or 7 per cent on preferred. The Tennessee, Coal, Iron and Railroad company paid \$92,144 on common and \$148,840 on preferred stock.

Coal and coke companies paid \$5,171,786 or 4.5 per cent of the total. The Pittsburgh Coal company paid \$2,240,000, or 7 per cent, on its preferred stock, and the Pennsylvania Coal Co., \$800,000, or 16 per cent per annum.

Miscellaneous companies paid \$2,826,173, or 2.5 per cent of the total dividends. The leading payers in this class were the American Agricultural Chemical company, \$1,020,000, or 6 per cent on preferred stock; the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company, \$900,000, or 16 per cent on preferred; and \$270,000, or 4 per cent on common; the National Salt company, \$360,000, or 7 per cent on preferred, and \$140,000, or 34 per cent on common; Pacific Coast Borax Co., \$220,000, or 12 per cent on its capital.—New York Journal.

The systematic prospecting and developing of mineral lands, a branch of the mining industry heretofore overlooked in Arizona and which offers an inviting field to capital, is to be taken up by a company to be organized in the east, the procedure of which will be to get hold of prospects in this section which have a proper mineral showing to justify development and to carry on an extensive development of mining groups on that basis. Intelligently directed we know of no enterprise promising larger returns.

Aliens can not legally locate or hold mining claims. An alien who has never declared his intention to become a citizen is not a qualified locator of mining ground, and he cannot hold a mining claim, either by actual possession or by location against one who connects himself with the government title by compliance with the mining laws. But, upon declaring his intention to become a citizen, an alien may have advantage of work previously done, and of a record previously made by him in locating mining claims on the public mineral lands.—Mining & Scientific Press.

James Colquhoun, Paul Nicholas and W. J. Atchison, connected with the Arizona Copper Co., at Clifton, returned Thursday from the Ray mines, after spending a week in carefully examining the property for the English owners, says the Florence Tribune. They had a dozen miners at work getting out large samples from different portions of the mines, which were run through a rock breaker and thoroughly mixed, and are now in a position to give an accurate estimate of the value and quantity of the ore. Upon the report of these gentlemen much depends.

The Jerome News notes important additions to the plant of the United Verde. The new shops built since the cave last October have been finished and are very complete. The ten large marine boilers at the power house are now equipped with the American stoker. Two large fans driven by four 15-horse power Sturtevant engines, furnish the draught. The ore bins at the mines are now equipped with airhoists, for raising and lowering the doors. They are a great convenience and save considerable time in loading the cars.

In a statement concerning the Shannon Copper company, recently issued by W. B. Thompson, fiscal agent of the company, he says: "Plans are now being prepared for a 150 ton concentrator and a 100 ton smelter upon which work will be started by February 1st, 1901, and will be completed during the year. The money is in the treasury for purchasing and erecting this plant."

In conversation with an El Paso man last night, it was learned that the El Paso smelter was the largest on the continent; that a large amount of building has been going on during the last year and that still more is to be done. At the end of another year he predicts that the El Paso smelter will be handling more ore than any smelter in the United States, if not in the world.

Peter Connor of the Great Republic mines in the Huachuca is a Tombstone visitor. Mr. Connor recently bonded these promising claims to O. B. Hardy and eastern associates and the property is being energetically opened up by three shifts of miners. The mining work is in charge of W. E. Hardy.—Prospector.

Col. Harlow, who has been east on mining business for the past month is expected to return to Nogales in a few days. It is reported that the colonel has successfully engineered a number of important mining deals that upon his return several well known mining properties will change hands.—Oasis.

The foundation is being laid on Chase Creek by the Arizona Copper Co. for a new foundry. The old foundry was too limited for the rapidly increased business of the company. The new foundry will be complete in all of its appointments.

P. H. Clark, manager of the Copper Bullion Mining Co., which is operating near Pearce returned from the east last Saturday and went out to the mines. Mr. Clark was absent three months enlisting capital. He says he succeeded well and will soon put on a largely increased force.—Range News.

A strike of rich silver ore was made at the mines of the Promontario Mining Co. thirty miles southwest of Nogales. Samples which were assayed run 1000 ounces to the ton.

The Tucson Citizen says the passenger traffic to Helvetia is not diminished because of the burning of the smelter, and Barkley brothers are carrying out full loads every day.

It is rumored that the Rosemont mines will shut down in the near future.

George Randall of Denver, a mining engineer, is making Jerome on his tour inspecting mining properties in Arizona.

zonia. He is an uncle of Dr. King of the Verde Queen, and is his guest while here. Mr. Randall is also introducing a leaching process, known as Graham's, that will take copper from mines and in a space of two hours put it in the form of bullion.

Work on the foundation for the new 200 ton concentrator now under construction by the Arizona Copper Co., at Longfellow, is progressing rapidly. The heavy timbers are being prepared. All the machinery has been ordered and the plant will be completed as soon as possible, which will materially augment the output of the company.

A negro woman came near being killed yesterday on the railroad bridge in South Clifton. She was walking over the bridge with a small boy in her arms, when a freight train came around the bend from town. Owing to the curve of the track at the bridge the women could not see the train, neither could the engineer see the women. The Norte boys took in the situation and running down to the river made the woman understand the danger she was in. She barely had time to crawl out onto a bent when the train passed her.

AS SOON as the holidays are over there will be a meeting of Safford Commercial Club for the purpose of framing a bill, to be introduced by E. T. Ijams in the 21st Legislature, to regulate freights and fares on the railroads in Arizona. A full attendance of merchants and shippers is desired to discuss the matter and arrive at some definite conclusion as to the best method to pursue. An equitable freight and fare bill will do Arizona more good than any other class of legislation.—Safford Guardian.

Capt. B. A. Frazer returned this week from New York City and various points in the southern states, where he revisited old-time scenes and met old acquaintances. The Captain as usual had a good time and has gained many pounds in avoirdupois. He understands the knack of enjoying life as he goes along. Yet he is glad to get back to Arizona.—Range News.

Willie Rusk, who killed his wife in Nogales, Sonora, a few weeks ago and then escaped into the United States, was before Judge Davis in Tucson last week on a writ of habeas corpus. The writ was denied and under direction of the President of the United States Rusk was ordered delivered to the Mexican authorities.

The following are the newly-elected officers of the K. P. Lodge at Wilcox: J. M. Pickarta, C. C.; E. S. Draw, V. C.; E. B. Moore, Prelate; J. P. Cummings, K. of R. & S.; H. A. Burgess, M. E.; J. P. Cull, M. P.; H. E. Easterday, M. A.; P. P. Preciado, I. G. R. L. Hayden, O. G.; B. B. Riggs, M. W.

Attorney O. Gibson is making preparations to remove to Tombstone next week, where he has formed a law partnership with Judge James S. Robinson. His many friends here are sorry to lose him, but wish him all kinds of prosperity in his new field.—Range News.

The Safford Guardian says: Phil Merrill, who has been working in the machine shops at Bisbee, came home to spend the holidays. Mr. Merrill has the opportunity of going to El Paso to learn to be an engineer and he has decided to avail himself of the opportunity.

L. W. Buckley is in the city today to make preparations for the Elk's circus which will take place in this city on January 10. An immense tent has been purchased in which the performance will take place, and the actors will be prominent members of the local order of Elks.—Citizen.

Wm. G. Burns, who returned some time ago from a two-month's absence in Washington, D. C., will on January 1st, again assume active charge of the Phoenix station as station director in the weather bureau service.

Sixty negroes passed through Benson last week enroute to Hawaii to work on sugar plantations. This is the first detachment of a colony of 30,000 negroes from Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Texas who have contracted for work in the Islands.

The American Express company made each of their employees a present of a \$5 gold piece of 1900 mintage on Christmas day, and \$150,000 was distributed, each receiving the same amount from superintendent to warehouseman.

Jake Abraham, an old-time Cliftonian, has opened the Franklin, a new hotel at El Paso, which is elegantly furnished and centrally located. Jake will give all Clifton people a hearty welcome to the city of the Pass.

Adolph Hinton, who was a member of Colonel McCord's regiment, a good citizen and an excellent soldier, has recently married one of Bisbee's fair daughters and the happy couple are now visiting friends in Phoenix.

The report is current on the streets in Phoenix that the Wormser estate has been disposed of to a Chicago syndicate for a large sum of money, and will be converted into an extensive stock ranch.

The California Press association will visit Phoenix in February.

To Lease Mineral Lands.

Senator Mason of Illinois has introduced a bill in the Senate authorizing the Navajo and Moqui Indians to lease mineral lands within their reservations on the royalty basis.

The following is the full text of the bill:

Sec. 1. That on and after the passage of this act it shall be lawful for the Navajo and Moqui Indians to lease for a term not exceeding twenty-five years, mineral lands within the exterior boundaries of their reservations within the Territories of Arizona and New Mexico on a royalty basis under laws, rules, regulation and supervision of the Secretary of the Interior, and all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. That this act shall apply to bought and paid for reservations and to reservations created by executive order for the Navajo and Moqui Indians since the first day of June 1863.

Sec. 3. That the moneys to be paid under the provisions of this act shall be paid into the department of the Interior and shall be expended for the sole use and benefits for the said Navajo and Moqui Indians, as their interests may appear, under and by direction of the Secretary of the Interior.

Sec. 4. That none but Indian labor shall be employed in the mining and development of the ground leased under the provisions of this act, except under the order of the Secretary of the Interior directing otherwise.

The Surveyor General's Office.

The Surveyor General's office has a large amount of business on hand. The entire force of the office consisting of thirteen are kept as busy as bees. The work of the office is now largely given to land surveying, most of the contracts being in Northern Arizona, along the Atlantic and Pacific railroad. Up to October General Christ gave mining interests the right of way, as there were many who wished to secure patents on their claims to save them from the necessity of assessment work. This was an accommodation to the miners and brought much business to the United States land offices. There are two inspectors of government surveys in the field, who will be kept busy in the territory for several months. The Surveyor General's is doing the largest business for the government and the public than at any time since its establishment, and the general verdict is the work is being well done.

Two luckless Chinese were gathered in by Chinese Inspector Charlie Mchan at San Simon. They had certificates but they did not bear the evidence of being genuine. Deportation will be their fate.

The old school house block in Tucson was sold recently for \$25,725. Gen. L. H. Manning was the purchaser, and it is said he intends erecting a large hotel thereon.

It is reported that Col. J. Roe Young, former Indian agent at Sacaton, died some time ago in an insane asylum in Kentucky.

The people of Phoenix are in favor of any and all railroads, and will give aid and encouragement to all headed that way.

Flagstaff will enjoy the distinction of having six daily passenger trains for a season. This service goes into effect today.

T. J. Wyle came over from Bisbee last week and is spending the holidays with his family in Nogales.—Oasis.

Councilman Ives of Yuma is now in New York but wires that he will be in Phoenix on January 7.

The new Burke hotel in Prescott had a narrow escape from fire last Thursday.

The supreme court of the territory will meet in Phoenix on January 14th.

ALONZO BAILEY of Globe was in Washington city recently telling about what a wonderful country is Arizona. Mr. Bailey is a pioneer of the territory and knows the conditions here and every word he spoke was the truth. No other country can show better filled dinner pails or more general prosperity than Arizona.

THE Boers are yet keeping Jonny Bull awake nights as well as keeping General Kitchner busy the whole of every day. The British have met several defeats recently and it is believed that more troops will have to be sent to South Africa. The love of liberty is hard to crush out of any people.

EVERY one-horse town between Separ and El Paso has an idea that the South Western Railroad intends to connect at that particular point. Because a man connected with the railroad survey paid his back taxes on Deming property the Herald thinks the Bisbee road is going to Deming.

THE democratic party is in the saddle in every county in Arizona excepting Apache.

PUBLIC OPINION

We note that in several counties officers-elect are furnishing bonds with fidelity companies as sureties. It is a change from the prevalent custom of securing bondsmen from among the friends of the official which has many advantages. The official himself is relieved from any obligation he might feel to private sureties, and the well-to-do citizen is released from a responsibility who oftentimes assumes very reluctantly. Fidelity companies are moreover, safer sureties, as it is a well known fact that bonds given with citizens as sureties are often insufficient, and in part uncollectable were it necessary to apply the test. The reform is one which we hope to see generally adopted.—Globe Belt.

It can no longer be charged that the Filipinos are not a progressive people since they have expressed a desire for statehood. If they are as long petitioning the throne as Arizona has been, the present crop of ambitious politicians there will be food for worms long before it is granted.

His Honor A. H. Emanuel, mayor of Tombstone, is serving his third term in that office, and the measure of his popularity may be judged from the fact that at the last election he was the unanimous choice of all parties. The office of mayor is not a fat job but Mr. Emanuel manages to maintain the dignity of the position, helped by the revenues he receives as clerk of the district court and United States commissioner.—Globe Belt.

Scott White retires as sheriff of Cochise county at the close of the year, and we opine is not sorry to relinquish the office which he has creditably filled for several terms. Scott is secretary of the Greene Consolidated Mining company, and as such his time will be fully occupied. He is one of the best fellows in the world, and his friends in southeastern Arizona are legion.—Globe Belt.

The death penalty for train robbing in Arizona should be repealed. The severity of the punishment for robbing a train should not be greater or more severe than for robbing the editor of the Gem or any other hobo.

The El Paso Herald says: President Douglas of the company has wired here that he has received news that El Paso has offered \$50,000 for the terminus of his line and he will consider the matter and report later. There seems to be but one idea in the minds of those who have been interested in the matter and that is that the road is coming to El Paso and will be built as fast as possible.

THE recurrence of the Christmas festival brings to the people of Arizona renewed satisfaction with their lot as compared with the condition of the older and more congested divisions of the United States. No country on the face of God's footstool is more favored than our own beloved territory. Her climate is superb, her mineral and agricultural resources are unsurpassed and her people intelligent, prosperous and happy. Surely our lines have been cast in pleasant places.—Belt.

THE commissioner from Porto Rico, Mr. F. Degetau, recently elected by the people of the island to represent them in Congress and in Washington generally, is expected in the House of Representatives in a few days. His status on the floor is somewhat in doubt. He is designated in law as a "resident commissioner," but there is no provision for his admission to the floor of the House or for participation in debates, similar to the provision for delegates from territories.

GROVER CLEVELAND has written an autograph letter to the Atlanta Constitution stating that he did not vote for McKinley at the last election. He might, perhaps, have truthfully added that he did not vote for Bryan.

THE Gazette says: "Have you seen Smith?" is a play that Col. Wilson put on the stage in Arizona last fall, and Smith, to show his ingratitude, rang down the curtain on his benefactor.

PHOENIX is having a hard time raising that Carnival deficit.